ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A card game combines the play of Blackjack ("21") with a side wager. Each player places a basic Blackjack wager and an optional side wager before the cards are dealt. Each player is dealt at least one hand of two cards with the dealer receiving a face-up card. A side wager hand consists of the at least one 2-card hand dealt to that player and the dealer's face-up card. The side wager hand is resolved according to a numerical total of the hand and in some embodiments also a Poker rank. Subsequently, the game of Blackjack continues in a typical fashion. The invention advantageously retains all the features and advantages of Blackjack as well as provides the dynamics of novel side wager, without interfering with the card sequence, for enhanced player anticipation and enjoyment.